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Export of potatoes.

* 180 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any memorandum was received by the Government from the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Coimbatore, in July 1954 requesting them to recommend to the Union Government to allow the export of potatoes to Ceylon and neighbouring countries, and if so, the action taken thereon;

(*b*) the increased production this year as compared to last year; and

(*c*) the quantity of potatoes exported before the war?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) The increased production this year has been estimated at 8,000 tons above that of last year which was 61,360 tons.

" (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the statement [a] laid on the table of the House."

National Extension Service Scheme in Malabar.

* 285 *Q.*—DR. K. B. MENON: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amenities extended to the areas, that come under the operation of the National Extension Service and whether any conditions are attached to such provisions;

(*b*) what area or areas in Malabar come under the operation of the National Extension Service Scheme; and

(*c*) whether any literature is published on the service and if so, whether the same will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" (*a*) The National Extension Service aims at the provision of such amenities as will lead to increased agricultural production and a diversified agricultural economy. There will also be an intensification of the co-operative movement, subsidiary occupations and cottage industries and an efficient organization of supplies and services.

As the scheme seeks to enlist the active support and participation of the people in the formulation of development schemes and their implementation, a contribution is insisted upon from the people to supplement Government resources for providing amenities to the largest extent possible.

" (*b*) (i) Tellicherry Block comprising Tellicherry, Kuthuparamba and Mattanur firkas.

(ii) Payyanur Block comprising Payyanur firka plus part of Madayi firka.

(iii) Taliparamba Block comprising the Taliparamba firka plus the remaining villages of the Madayi firka.

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[a] Printed as Appendix on page 632 infra.

" (c) Two copies of the booklet entitled ' Organization of National Extension Service and Expansion of Community Development Programme " have been placed on the table of the Legislature Library."

Closure of the Mylapore Cafe, Madras.

* 286 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mylapore Cafe, Mylapore, Madras, was closed in June 1954; and

(b) whether the management of the said Cafe gave due notice either to the Government or to the Labour Department or to the workers according to the Factories Act?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The management of Mylapore Cafe, Madras, gave a month's notice to the workers on the 15th May 1954."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is it not a fact that the owners of the Mylapore Cafe closed the hotel to drive away the workers and then re-opened it so that they might take in casual labour on low wages and is it not a fact that there are in fact some hotels . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let not the hon. Member put a general question. Let him confine his question only to the Mylapore Cafe."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Let me inform the hon. Member that the Government have referred the following points regarding Mylapore Cafe, for adjudication, viz. :—

(1) whether the closure of the Mylapore Cafe was justified or not;

(2) to what relief the workers are entitled.

The case is pending before the Industrial Tribunal, Madras."

Survey of forests in Malabar.

* 287 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri K. C. Gopalan Unni) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the total area of (i) private forests, and (ii) Government forests in Malabar;

(b) the unsurveyed area in each of the above; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to survey the unsurveyed area?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) (i) 1,258 square miles.

(ii) 536 square miles.